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PRESIDENT: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, members of the body. I have a considerable interest in this bill because I have a similar bill that would transfer, from the State Library Commission, the library for the visually impaired and visually handicapped. Yet I had to run it through a public hearing in the Government Committee. It makes a difference, I'll advise you of that. I'd like to hit that one in appropriations bill too. I think that all of us are getting a lot of information about the Library Commission and everything else. Therefore, I would concur with Senator Chambers. It should be referred to a proper public hearing where it can have a proper discussion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Anderson.

SENATOR ANDERSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I would like to indicate my support of the motion to run this bill back for a public hearing. I really think there are quite a number of people who have been served by the voc. rehab. services who have never had any connection with welfare. I think they are quite concerned about this. I think that they should have the chance to air their specific objections to this bill in a hearing that is designed to address the topic subject matter of this specific bill. I support the motion to move it back.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: I'd like to support the motion that Senator Marsh has made too. I'd like to ask her a question or two. I know it's 12 o'clock and time to re ... to adjourn for the time being, but Senator Marsh, are we just putting off a problem by sending this back to committee, or can we eliminate the problem, if we have one, by just getting rid of it?

SENATOR MARSH: That's alright with me too.

SENATOR BARNETT: Well answer the first question. Are we just sending it back so that we are not faced with the problem we have, as I understand that we have, in the Vocational Rehabilitation Department? Are we eliminating this problem by sending this back for public hearing or are we just delaying it for another year?

SENATOR MARSH: I cannot answer your question. It is my intent that this issue should have had a public hearing on its merits, it has not had. The Governors bill, at my motion, was indefinitely postponed. So we're not....

SENATOR BARNETT: OK, you're saying that....

SENATOR MARSH: So we're not looking at that Governors document, so that actually is not part of the ... we would not be moving it in the Governors bill, that bill has been indefinitely postponed.